

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Tuesday, November 10, 2009
Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 7:07p by Chair Kim Bova. *Members present:* Tom Bruhn, Kim Bova. *Members absent:* Jay Ames, Scott Lehmann, Blanche Serban. *Others present:* Jay O'Keefe (staff).

2. The draft **minutes** of the October 06, 2009 meeting were approved as written.

3. **Public Comments:** None

4. **Correspondence:** Jay O'Keefe distributed and summarized a Freedom of Information Guidelines pamphlet for Boards, Commissions and Committees. He will distribute to absent members at a future meeting.

5. **Old Business:**

a. Coffee Houses: The local memoir group held a memoir reading night with coffee and snacks in October. They expressed thanks to MCC and the AAC for their continued support. The hope to hold additional readings in the future.

6. **New Business**

a) **MCC Art Exhibits.**

- **Fall Quarter.** William Stallman, Sylvia Smith and Jay Ames work is now on display at MCC.
- **Patty Vinsonhaler** forward photos of her work for consideration of display in the cases
- **Ashleigh Kay** has applied to exhibit 10 abstract collage paintings & drawings; she included a CD of photos, which the Committee viewed before approving her show for the winter quarter. Kim is coordinating a details with her for a future display in January.
- **John Bell**, Director of the Ballard Institute called Jay O'Keefe last week to express his continued interest in exhibiting Javanese rod and shadow puppets in the display cases; a list and CD of photos was included in the application (a selection would need to be made, as space in the display cases is limited). The Committee was enthusiastic about the proposal and wondered if a demo or performance could be arranged in conjunction with the show. Jay Ames is following up.

b) **School Art**

- Kim Bova continues to make connections with students to encourage them to complete applications to display art at MCC.

c) **Visits to Open Art Studios**

- Kim and Thom encouraged members to attend upcoming local open art studios as a means to view art and make artists aware of display opportunities.

D) **Arts web page** was briefly discussed. As it is, this material is under Parks and Recreation, perhaps not the most obvious link to arts information. Committee

members were asked to think about this for the November meeting (check out the Tolland arts page). Jay O'Keefe reported that the town is currently undergoing a web site enhancement effort. He would communicate to the town I.T. Dept. regarding the committees' interests.

7. Membership. The committee currently has two vacancies.

8. Adjourned at 7:55p. Next meeting: Tuesday, **December 1, 2009**

Jay O'Keefe, November 24, 2009